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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form
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2. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 34]

- Descriptive title of the invention
- Cross References to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to Microfiche Appendix
- Background of the invention
- Brief Summary of the invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

3. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets 9]

4. ☒ Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 3]

- a. ☒ Newly executed (original)
b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)
(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)
[Note Box 5 below]

- i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)

Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)

5. ☒ Incorporation By Reference (useable if Box 4b is checked)
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
7. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
(if applicable, all necessary)
a. ☐ Computer Readable Copy
b. ☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
c. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

8. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
9. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney
(when there is an assignee)
10. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
11. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☒ Copies of IDS Citations
12. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
13. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
14. ☐ Small Entity ☐ Statement filed in prior application,
Statement(s) Status still proper and desired
15. ☒ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☐

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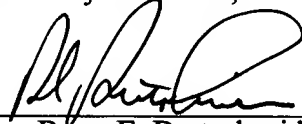
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TRANSMITTAL OF PRIORITY DOCUMENT

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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC 119, applicant hereby claims the benefit of the filing of
Japanese patent application No. 10-266756, filed *September 21, 1999*.

A certified copy of the priority document is attached to perfect applicants' claim for
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It is respectfully requested that the receipt of this certified copy attached hereto be
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